

## SOCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS OF WOMEN

## Society

Thirty members of the Friendship club gathered Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith, E. Broadway, who will leave soon to make their home in Ft. Wayne. In remembrance of the occasion they were presented with a handsome rocker, Rev. F. K. Dougherty of the Grace M. E. church making the presentation.

The members of the Phi Sigma sorority entertained eight guests Saturday afternoon with a theater party at the Orpheum, followed by tea at the Robertson tea room. Covers were placed for 15 at a daintily appointed table.

Mrs. Frank West, of E. Broadway, informally entertained members of the Lady Maccabees at her home Friday afternoon. She served a dainty two-course luncheon at its close.

Clifford Lantz, with his mother, W. H. Lantz, 620 S. Carroll st., left Saturday afternoon for Grand Fork, N. D., where his marriage to Miss Charlotte Black will take place Wednesday. After a trip into Canada the young couple will return to South Bend. They will be at home after Nov. 20 at 615 Rush st.

Mrs. J. A. Harris, chairman of the second section of the literature department of the Progress club, entertained the members very pleasantly at tea Friday afternoon at the first meeting of the department for this season. There were several guests present and the tea was complimentary to them. Earlier in the afternoon Mrs. Harris discussed Victor Hugo's place in the world's literature. The department will devote itself to a study of Hugo and some of his works this year. The next meeting will be Oct. 24.

Otto Nimtz and Everett Hardman of Diamond av. entertained Thursday evening with a marshmallow and waffle roast in honor of their birthday anniversaries.

## SOCIAL CLUBS

The members of the Non Pro Se club of the Lowell Heights Sunday school were delightfully entertained Thursday evening with a waffle party at the home of Miss Esther Luce, 1241 E. Howard st. The principal features of the evening were a ghost walk and fortune telling by a genuine gypsy. The decorations and refreshments were appropriate to the occasion.

Members of the Norman Eddy Sewing circle were guests Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Barnard, 822 N. Main st. During the business meeting plans were discussed for the W. R. C. thirteenth district convention to take place in South Bend Thursday afternoon at the Pythian hall. The social hour was spent with needlework and the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Mary Gordon, Mrs. Margaret Cowles and Mrs. Lucinda Spring, served dainty refreshments. The circle will meet again in two weeks. Mrs. Bibler and Mrs. Shaw of Elkhart were guests of the club. The circle will give a supper and a bazar on Oct. 29.

The Neighborhood circle was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Anderson, 1028 Allen st. The afternoon was spent with needlework and the hostess served light refreshments. In two weeks the club will meet with Mrs. Robert French, 1625 Vassar av.

The Lucky 13 club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. John Steffe, 922 Milton av., the members making up three tables at cards. Mrs. John Rosenberger won the first prize. Mrs. Joseph Reltter, second, and Mrs. John Kinsinger, third. The club will be entertained in two weeks by Mrs. E. E. Culver, 219 S. Scott st.

## A TAILOR MADE IN GOOD LINES



Tailor made suit in brown woolen goods. The three-quarter coat a little crossed on front fastens with two fancy buttons. Green velvet collar, embroidered in dull gold and silver trim the neck around the upper part of the front. The regular long sleeve is finished by a wide cuff in the same brown material, trimmed with smaller buttons and the same loops. A green satin draped belt, passes through the coat material attached side and back fasten in the front with a fancy silver buckle. The low part of the coat opens in "V" at front and is rounded at each corner. Two pockets law on each side of the hip rather on the cross way and are trimmed with three small buttons and silk loops. The short round skirt is cut in two pieces, the back one coming over the front one to make above the knee two square effects caught on the skirt with two rows of machine stitches. The coat also is trimmed all around and at seams with rows of stitching.

## W. C. T. U. EXHIBIT AT ROBERTSON'S.

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## Y.W.C.A. IS GIVEN VALUABLE BOOKS

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Y. W. C. A. Thursday a number of interesting reports were given, and Miss Helen C. Carpenter was appointed to represent the association at the conference of the central field to take place at the Auditorium in Chicago Oct. 17 to 19.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mack have presented the institution with 34 volumes for the library among them being the report of Universal History. The report of the extension department shows the organization of 57 neighborhood Bible classes in the city and seven organized classes meeting weekly. Gymnasium and educational classes are organized for the first time and the extension department is conducting noon meetings in seven factories each week. The cafeteria served 5,761 meals during the month of September.

The conference in Chicago will be made up of delegates from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Six of the national officers from New York will be in attendance.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parker and Miss Manda Romig motored to Argos yesterday to spend the week-end with Miss Romig's mother.

Miss Cecelia Hinkle, 329 N. Taylor st., will return today from a month's visit with relatives at Cutler, Ind.

Mrs. Thaddeus Taylor, 531 S. St. Joseph st., left Friday for a two week visit at Higman park. Miss Mary Taylor will spend the week-end at the park.

Mrs. Cora Higginbotham and her daughter, Alice, of Chicago, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Higginbotham, 1911 E. Washington av.

A. G. Mattes, 1312 E. Main st., is taking the baths at St. Joseph. He is stopping at the Whitcomb hotel.

Miss Elizabeth Eckert of Robertson's store is leaving Monday for Toledo, where she has accepted a position.

F. C. Armantraut and family of Plymouth are the guests for a few days of Mrs. Nellie Gammons, 332 W. LaSalle av.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wickey of LaPorte are visiting Mrs. Wickey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Black, 707 N. Hill st.

Mrs. Dora Hand is absent from her duties at Robertson's on account of illness.

Misses Marie Champaign, Kathryn Kochendorfer, Irene Couch, Margaret Reider, Angie Archambeault, Louise Champaign are planning a long auto trip and a picnic in the woods for Sunday.

Samuel Knobe of Kable's is ill at his home on Cushing st.

Lester Livingston of Chicago is the guest for the week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Livingston, 807 E. Jefferson boulevard.

Mrs. Raymond Jewell of Dowagiac is visiting relatives in the city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie N. Field have returned from an extended trip in Michigan and are moving into apartments in Mishawaka.

Miss Anna Schlunt is spending the week with her father, Nelson Schlunt, in Logansport.

Miss Little Shirk, 2204 Miami st., is spending the week-end in Albion with friends and relatives.

Mrs. M. Domke and daughter, Ina, are visiting friends and relatives in Chicago for a few days.

Mrs. Mary Herman of Plymouth is in the city Saturday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Napper, 217 N. Main st., left the city Saturday afternoon for Detroit and other Michigan points, where they will spend a week's visit.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Young Women's Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet with Mrs. J. M. Sartin, 129 Franklin Place, next Monday evening, October 13. It is rally night, everyone is requested to be present, and if possible bring an article to be placed in a box which is to be sent to a needy minister's family in Oklahoma.

The St. Joseph Valley grange will meet Thursday at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon in American hall. A literary program will be given under the direction of Mrs. Ida Metzger.

The first general meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the St. Joseph hospital will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in American hall. After the business session, Mrs. Edith Talbot, Mrs. Josephine Krueper, Mrs. Thomas Hickey and Mrs. Benjamin Turnock will entertain at cards. The current events department of the Progress club will hold its opening meeting Monday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. L. E. Greenan will present a paper on "The Fasting of the North American Indian"; Mrs. H. A. Thompson on "A Glimpse of the Old Time Indian"; and Mrs. D. W. Tucker on "Wheat and Its Food Value."

## CHURCH AFFAIRS

The Fidelity Bible class of the First Evangelical church held its regular monthly business meeting Thursday evening at the home of Miss Ruth Schultz, 613 E. Dayton st. The next meeting will take place at the home of Miss Elsie Sheets, 1722 Prairie av.

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## WHY ARE WE SLAVES TO CONVENTIONS?

Laura Livingston Discusses the Types Who Fret Under Leash of Custom and Sneer at Conventions.

BY LAURA KINGSTON.

"Oh! she is so conventional!" Do you know the exclamation? I warrant you do. Maybe your lips have framed it; assuredly your ears have hearkened to it. "So conventional—poor thing!"

It is an accusation. It is a belittlement. There is a sneer in the charge and the unlovely pity of the superior for the hopelessly inferior.

Why? Can you tell me why? I know that should I ask and await a response your answers would be varied according to your personal state of mind. But in all probability there would be replies from four types, and to these four I shall limit my discussion.

First of all, there is the broad-minded and experienced person, who looks for no perfection in mankind, but who knows that there is some good in all of us. He (or she) is ready to recognize and to praise the good, and what is of far greater importance, is equally willing to condone the lapses. He sees full well the good of the conventions, realizing that they are general rules laid down for the benefit of the great majority whose restrictions may teach restraint to the unruly, and whose boundary lines may serve to guide the weak. He knows that the rules of conventionality are not perfect nor applicable to each and every one of us; but he knows, at the same time, that they are generally beneficial. He does not regard conventionality as a crime or pitiable.

Second, there is the far, far smaller type which is frankly unconventional. Either its subjects are so extremely ignorant, so that they become social anarchists, or they are at the other extreme of intellect, and are afflicted with the minor mental instability of genius. And neither condemn the primly conventional—the one, because he has no thought and knowledge sufficient to frame a condemnation; the other, because he is natural and sincere, sees no reason to condemn, and has no thought of it.

The third consists of the average person—who has no great strength and no appalling weaknesses—who needs must seek advice, and who is totally debased from anything approaching an independent view or analysis of life. This is easily the greatest body of humanity, and it is against them that the fourth type ejaculates: "Oh! she is so conventional, poor thing!"

And this fourth type? Bohemianism is its beloved self definition; cults and crude theories are its especial delights.

Bohemianism. Now, the Bohemian type is made up of just ordinary persons, though such a statement would be received with a loud expression of anguish; returned individuals striving by artifice to attain or make believe they have attained an exceptional, intellectual freedom. They are a preposterous initiation of the truly intelligent and original.

Do you know the types? Let I have not defined it clearly enough let me add that the word, "respectable," is a mark for loud derision; "conventional," the butt for fatuous sniggerings, and counterfeited pity. The words mark you, and their real meanings; for the meanings of words need seeking and delving, and the life of this type is superficial and never-ending post.

Now—to leave the types and return to the subject—you may think it curious that I should attack those who preach unconventionality, or, rather, those who fear at the follower of the convention. It is so widely and generally fashionable.

That is my reason, because it is so fashionable, and because I consider it so futilely stupid and full of possibilities of harm.

The conventions are customs. They did not merely gain more or less artificial formation from a theoretic necessity such as influences so much of our modern legislation. Conventions are the result of our civilization. They have grown from the very beginnings of man's sociability. They are laws not made by law makers, but by the whole of mankind for the benefit of the human races. The whole civilizing influence of the very beginnings of man's sociability is mixed up with conventions.

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Out of every thousand people, nine hundred and ninety-nine require the conventions, just as at some time or another in their lives they require advice.

The problems of life as new and original problems are beyond their solving; the control of the passions and emotions, the ordering of active

desires, and the exercise of restraint are too much for the nine hundred and ninety-nine, unless there be easily comprehended rules to guide them—rules which are approved and followed by all their fellow men.

These rules are the conventions, the national customs. Many of them are universal rather than national, and the origin of some of them is lost in the prehistoric mists.

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